Technical cooperation in space technology

*231. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether America is providing technical cooperation to India for furthering space technology; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The space cooperation between India and USA currently covers only space science and space applications. ISRO has accepted two scientific instruments from USA for inclusion in Indian instrumented lunar mission Chandrayaan-1. There is also an arrangement in place for sharing of data and science in the field of earth observations and meteorology.

Inter-State roads proposals pending with Government

†*232. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals of Rajasthan Government regarding inter-State roads are pending with the Central Government;

(b) if so, since when the four estimates of inter-State roads are pending with Government for technical approval and financial sanctions;

(c) by when Government would accord approval to these proposals and sanction these estimates; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Indo-US Nuclear deal

*233. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government expect the Indo-US Nuclear deal to stay on

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